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AB 113: Green Lake and Marquette County Boundary Correction
Testimony by State Representative Joan Ballweg
Assembly Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs
May 4, 2011

Thank you Chair Van Roy and members for holding this hearing on Assembly Bill 113.

At the request of both Green Lake and Marquette counties, I have introduced Assembly Bill 113. AB 113 changes the statutory description of the boundary between the two counties. The change reflects what county officials have understood to be the boundaries of these two counties for more than 150 years.

The affected area is comprised of 890 acres containing 32 land parcels and a small swamp that, according to current State Statute, belong in Green Lake County. However, the two counties have been using boundaries defined on a map since the late 1850s which describes that area as Marquette County.

Further discussion and research led to the discovery that voters in 1862 and 1865 passed referendums to ignore State Statute and keep their borders as they were. The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors passed a December, 2010 resolution to help change State Statute to reflect a boundary description that matches the boundary that is understood locally. The Marquette County Board of Supervisors later passed a similar resolution.

The discrepancy was originally discovered by Green Lake County, which worked extensively with Marquette County to resolve the matter and ensure that property owners in the area would not be adversely affected. Jerry is here with me today and can explain the technical side of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If members of the committee have any questions, we would be happy to answer them now.

May 3, 2011

Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs
Madison, WI

Dear Committee members:

We as representatives of Marquette County are in support of Assembly Bill 113 relating to changing the boundaries of Marquette County and Green Lake County.

Sincerely,

Jerry Smart
County Surveyor

Diana Campbell
Treasurer

Part of Green Lake
County per statute
but shown on maps
as part of Marquette
County.

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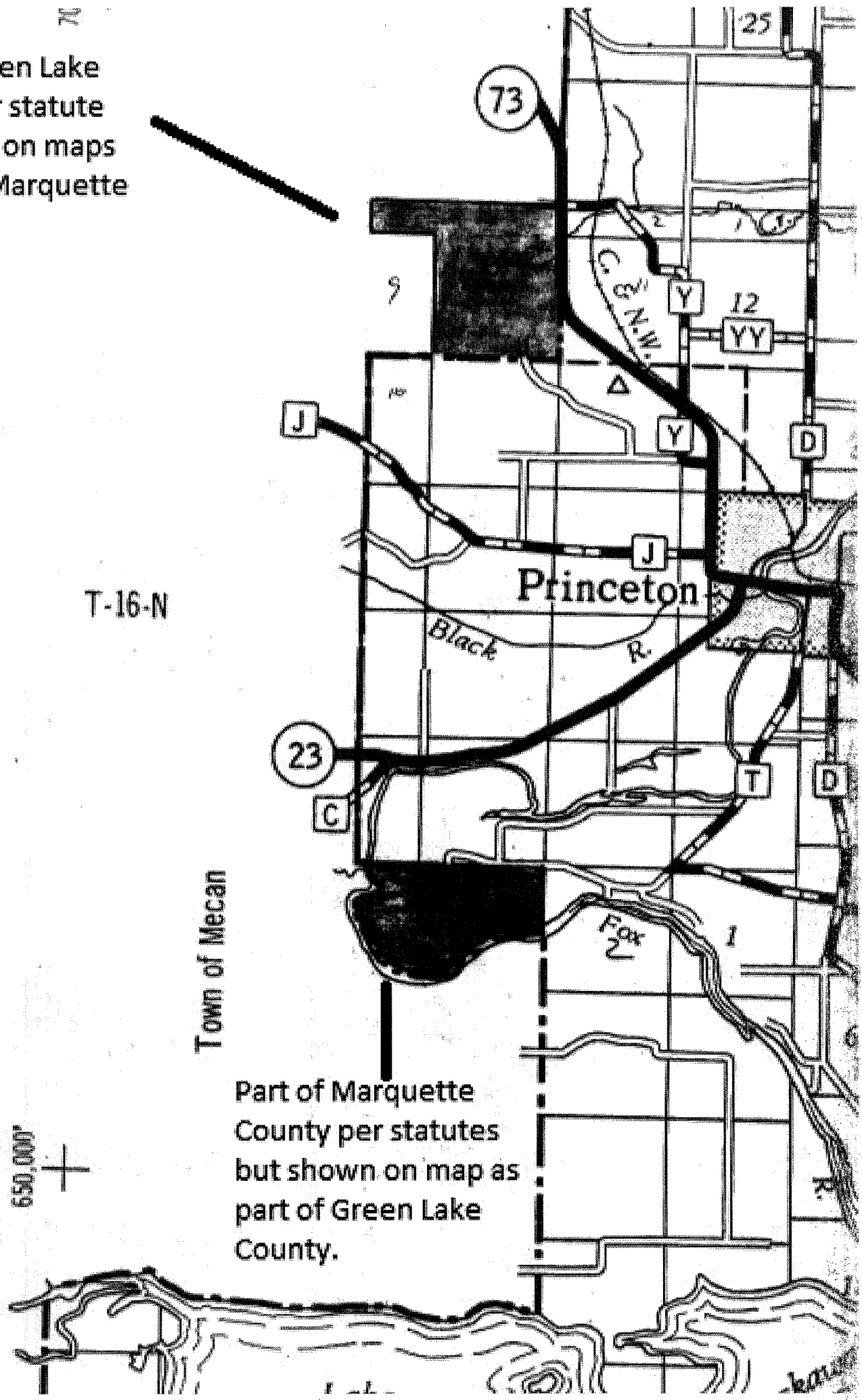
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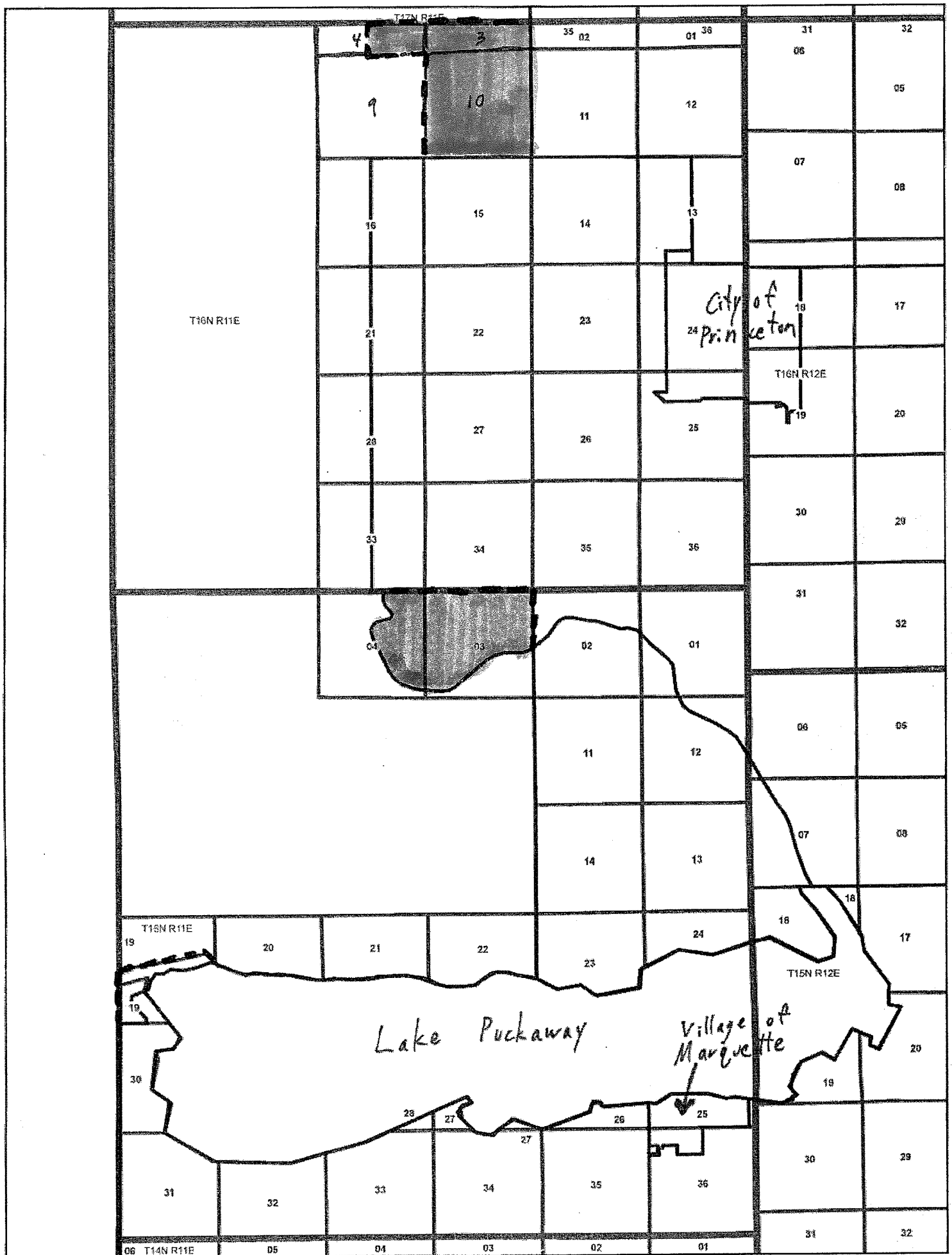
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RESOLUTION NO. 37 - 2010

RELATING TO THE GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st day of December, 2010, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 Wis. Stats. identifies each County boundary with a legal description; and

WHEREAS, the mapped boundary between Green Lake County and Marquette County differs from the Chapter 2 Wis. Stats. description; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee supports the efforts of various county departments to prepare the information that will change the statutory description of the boundary line between Green Lake County and Marquette County to conform to the mapped boundary; and

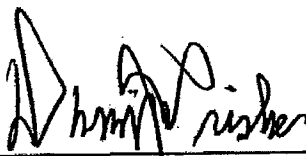
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee recommends that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors also support this change and this resolution of support be included in any presentation of information to the state legislature or any state agency reviewing this change.

Submitted by the
Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee
Recommendation: Approve / Disapprove

Roll Call on Resolution No. 37 - 2010

Aye 17 Nay 0 Absent 2 Abstain 0


Passed and Enacted / Rejected
This 21st day of December, 2010



County Board Chairman



ATTEST County Clerk


Approved as to Form

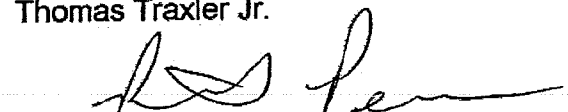
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Assistant Corporation Counsel


Susan McConnell - Committee Chair


Eugene Henke


Donald Peters


Thomas Traxler Jr.


Ricky Perr

Committee vote Aye 5 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

BOUNDARY PER WISCONSIN STATUTE ———
BOUNDARY CHANGE PROPOSED - - - - -

